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Subject: CALFED - Comments re "Developing a Draft Preferred Program
Alternative"

Hi Val,

I received this message and I don't know who should I send to. Can you help me send this message to the person who takes care this. Thanks.

Thien

I understand that CALFED is soliciting comments relative to the "Developing a Draft Preferred Program Alternative" document. Your e-mail address was the only one that I could find on CALFED web page. Incidentally, you have done a good job building the web site. Please forward this e-mail to the appropriate person(s) if you are not the primary contact. If you are unable to deliver this message for any reason, please notify me and I will mail the response.

The following are my comments about the CALFED draft document:

I have been following the CALFED process for some time, attended a CALFED public hearing and read the recently published draft document. Page six of the draft states that the "Contingent Strategy" that contains an isolated facility must remain a viable option. I am opposed to any plan to divert water around the delta area via an isolated facility. The contingent strategy will destroy the delta and have disastrous economic, environmental, and social implications to the primary and surrounding areas. If the primary strategy does not provide sufficient results, then additional water sources must be found elsewhere. Desalination alternatives must be a viable alternative to the destruction of the delta caused by an isolated facility. Regardless of the alternatives included in CALFED, water in California will remain a resource that is limited in quantity and be subject to unlimited demand. The inclusion of the "Contingent Strategy" clearly sends the message to those in the delta that the need for water in southern California is more important the delta.

I support the concept of exporting surplus water through the delta, and I support modifications to the delta to make the delta a more efficient conveyor of surplus water. But, I can not support a CALFED project that

includes the isolated facility as either a primary or contingent alternative.